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Rabid Zionist Alan Dershowitz is devastated by the success of 'The Wandering Who'. He just cannot accept that professors and academics endorse the book "as 'brilliant,' 'fascinating,' 'absorbing,' and 'moving'," In his latest article he again misses an opportunity to debate the book, its message and its meaning. He prefers instead to indulge in the only things for which he possesses any talent at all - lying and bullying.

But why, I wonder, does Dershowitz insist on reducing a potentially ethical, intellectual and ideological debate to just one more Zionist exercise in mud-slinging? I can think of only two possible answers; First, Dershowitz lacks the necessary intellect to engage in a debate and second, that Zionism and Israel cannot be defended - ethically, morally or intellectually.

Dershowitz tries so hard to 'prove' that I am an anti-Semite but fails to even define what anti-Semitism is. In the past, anti-Semites were people who didn't like Jews but on Planet Dershowitz, anti-Semites are simply those Dershowitz hates (or fears). He mentions, for instance, the significant role of Austrian philosopher Otto Weininger in shaping my views yet seems unable to suggest exactly what it is in Weininger's influence that makes me into an 'anti-Semite'. He points at my contempt for 'the Jew in me' but this leaves me wondering, why am I not permitted to hate myself? Why am I not permitted to loathe 'the Jew in me'? I'll try to expand on this. Why is it that when I hate 'myself' Dershowitz is so devastatingly and personally offended? Is it possible that my loathing of the 'Jew in me' exposes an inherent problem at the core of Jewish identity politics in general? And if this is indeed the case, why can't we just discuss it openly? What is Dershowitz afraid of?

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